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SUBJECT: PHOTOGRAPHY--USA EXHIBIT GUIDE: SHOTA
SAGIRASHVILI

REF: MOSCOW 446

1. IN ADDITION TO STEPS OUTLINED IN REFTTEL, EMBASSY
SHOULD PROTEST SYSTEMATIC AND ORGANIZED HARASSMENT
OF SAGIRASHVILI TO MFA, MAKING POINT THAT ORGANIZED
CAMPAIGN WAS CLEARLY AIMED AT LIMITING EFFECTIVENESS
OF US EXHIBIT. ORCHESTRATED PERSONAL VILIFICATION OF
EXHIBIT GUIDE CONTRASTS SHARPLY WITH EFFORTS MADE BY
USG TO ENSURE SMOOTH FUNCTIONING OF SOVIET EXHIBITS AND
FACILITATE HOSPITALITY TO SOVIET EXHIBIT PERSONNEL.

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2. IN RESPONSE TO ANY PRESS INQUIRIES DEPT. SPOKESMAN WILL
CONFIRM THAT WE DECIDED TO WITHDRAW SAGIRASHVILI AS A
RESULT OF ORGANIZED HARASSMENT WHICH MADE IT IMPOSSIBLE
FOR HIM TO FUNCTION AS EXHIBIT GUIDE. WE WILL NOTE THAT
PROTESTS HAVE BEEN LODGED WITH MFA AND TBILISI AND
CHAMBER OFFICIALS AND EXPRESS REGRET THAT CAMPAIGN WAS
MOUNTED AGAINST HIM. IF ASKED, SPOKESMAN WILL NOT SPECU-

LATE AS TO REASONS FOR ATTACKS BUT WILL NOTE THAT SAGIRA-SHVILI HAD BEEN EXHIBIT GUIDE IN 1972 WITHOUT INCIDENT.

3. EMBASSY SHOULD REPORT WHEN APPROACHES DESCRIBED ABOVE HAVE BEEN MADE. EMBASSY SPOKESMAN MAY RESPOND TO PRESS INQUIRIES ALONG ABOVE LINES.
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